The Signal Mountain Police Department is sponsoring a new program this year called Hope for the Holidays. The program is devised to increase awareness of the need for safe driving during this busy holiday season.

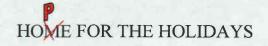
Children who attend Thrasher, Nolan and Signal Mountain Middle Schools have been given an opportunity to participate in Hope for the Holidays, and "promise forms" have been handed out at their schools. They may ask their friends and loved ones to sign the forms, pledging to drive safely, buckle up, and not drink and drive. After a form is signed, the child will hand out small cards restating the pledge, which may be placed in vehicles to remind drivers.

"In spite of their youth and innocence, our children understand the importance of safe driving and seat belts and the dangers of drinking and driving," said Signal Mountain Police Chief Boyd Veal. "I think we sometimes underestimate the capabilities of our children. We want to give them the opportunity to be part of something that could literally save someone's life."

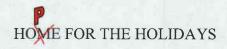
The program is a simple one, but one which can have a far-reaching affect, said Chief Veal. "What could have more impact than a child, who cares about you, asking you to help keep yourself and others safe over the holiday season," he said.

"One of the great things about this program is that it's not a contest," said the Chief. "There are no prizes or enticements. The children want to participate and will participate simply because they care. If there is one thing we should never underestimate, it is the heart of a child. They do care, and they can make a difference."

If you would like to participate in the program, forms may be found on the Town Web site, www.signalmtntown.org.



Knowing that the holiday season is among the more roadways, I promise my friend	st dangerous times on our that I will
Drive safely Buckle up Not drink and drive HELP SAVE LIVES	
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Signal Mountain Police & your friend who cares